

Corporate Taxation

Course Description

This course examines and explains the basics of corporate taxation. The focus is on regular or C corporations, their formation, and operation under tax law. The advantages and disadvantage of corporations are examined; incorporation and capitalization issues are discussed; and, basic tax rates and specialty taxes are reviewed. The tax treatment of operational expenses and deductions are outlined; and accounting periods and methods are explored. Finally, the dangers of multiple corporations and corporate distributions are highlighted.

Completion Deadline & Exam: This course, including the examination, must be completed within one year of the date of purchase. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, no correct or incorrect feedback for any exam question will be provided.

Course Level: Overview. This program is appropriate for professionals at all organizational levels.

CPE Credits: 2 (CPA, EA)

Category: Taxation

Prerequisite: General understanding of federal income taxation.

Advanced Preparation: None

Course Learning Objectives

Lesson 1: Corporate Taxation

1. Recognize the key elements of regular corporations, specify their advantages and disadvantages noting tax treatment, and determine how to distinguish them from PSC corporations.
2. Identify the §351 requirements for tax free incorporation, recognize the impact of the transfer of money, property or both by prospective shareholders, and determine the availability of §1244 for stock losses and §195 amortization of start-up expenditures.
3. Identify the corporate alternative minimum tax noting the small corporation exemption, specify the corporate tax consequences of capital gains and losses, and recognize ways to avert the accumulated earnings trap noting the potential use of the accumulated earnings credit.
4. Determine accounting periods and methods available to corporations and specify the tax consequences of liquidating property distributions.